

Itihasa 10



Wakako Mizuki







This small species is
ever prone to extinction.
This endeavor may drive
it even nearer to annihilation...



...But it is the only course.
The only way to make for the sea
of entropy without being
absorbed by "that"...





Itihasa

Part III: Fuji/Amane

<Part I>

As foretold by an oracle two generations ago, the gods that can be seen —divided into the warring demigods and demon gods—have traveled to this once-peaceful island, and the kind-hearted tribes who worship the gods that cannot be seen have become embroiled in their war. Toko's tribe is attacked by the Kiyu Faction, a group of demon gods under Kiya the Silver Horned God.

Takaya, Toko and Aohiko, who were in the mountains looking for yam stones and escaped the attack, meet the demigod Risson, God of the True Law, and his warriors (including Katsura and Ichirota). The three decide to join the group in its pursuit of the demon gods...

One day, Takaya is badly injured and near death. To save him, Toko chants a mantra that transfers her own lifeforce to him. As a result, Toko herself is left in serious condition. As she hovers between life and death, another Toko (?) appears and guides her towards life. Her other self tells her that they are fated to kill each other when they meet again...

Katsura is in love with Aohiko. However, conscious of the dark fate that will swallow him up in a few years' time, Aohiko is unable to accept her feelings. On hearing this, Katsura privately vows to hide her love and protect Aohiko for as long as she lives.

One day, more than seven years later, a hermit named Misen looks into Toko's past, and she learns that she was born a deity. As a child, her sister was kidnapped and turned into one of Kiya's warriors... Toko is aghast. Takaya is always kind to her, and Toko has come to love him as more than just her brother. One day, shaken by the appearance of a woman named Kiriko, she confesses her feelings to Takaya, and the confession opens a rift between them. However, when Kiriko dies of her illness, Toko resolves to start over again as Takaya's little sister.

<Part II>

Takaya and Toko are surrounded by the demon god's warriors, and Toko comes face to face with her twin, Yoko. In agony over both their Yoko's spear. However, Toko's soul is Toko.

Meanwhile, Aohiko engages Kiya's. Then wings abruptly grow from in his veins.

Because Toko has borrowed Yoko's headband, Toko is compelled to kill one who knows the divine names of Yachio tells Toko to go to Fuji, deep sleep.

Aohiko, who is believed to hold thanks to Kimiko's quick thinking, releases her own life, choosing to Meanwhile, in order to save Toko Risson's divine name, sets off for

Toko (Yoko)



Takaya



separate lives, Toko is run through by a crazed enters Yoko, and Yoko becomes convinced that she

army all by himself and is taken captive. Takaya's back. Like Kai, Takaya has Mamana blood

body, and Yoko has been fitted with a demon people. Then Yachio appears to Toko. Yachio is the all the gods and who does what must be done. However, her shock is so great that she falls into a

Toko's secret, is very nearly killed by Hibiki, but ichirota saves him. Borrowing Aohiko's power, Toko live as both Toko and Yoko.

and Aohiko, Takaya, who has been entrusted with Shangri-La at Fuji with Katsura.

<Part II>

Takaya, Katsura and Kai are traveling to Fuji on foot.

Tamie, a girl with Mamana blood, and her father, their thoughts for the as-yet-unseen land of Fuji Good. Meanwhile, Mida, a demon god that serves

in a village along the way, they meet Hakaji. The encounter strengthens and for Amarie, the God of Universal Kiya, manipulates Hibiki and attempts to make him kill Aohiko. Toko senses the despair and deep sadness that fill Kiya's wavelength. One night, Takaya saves the demigod Kaguya, who was about to be erased by Yachio. At the same time, Aohiko temporarily loses his mind under the moon, and realizes that his doom is drawing nearer. Takaya decides to leave Katsura, Kai and Tamie and press on towards Fuji with Kaguya...



Ichirota



Katsura



Aohiko



Recap & Main Characters















Aohiko

...



Don't
give
up.

Toko!

Toko!

...we
return
to
dust
...

And
so...

We who
were born
from dust
...

Your
Holi-
ness!



Ask as
I may...

Your
Holi-
ness!

Then...
why did
I exist...?

...only my
question
echoes back
to me.







Toko...



A...
Aohi-
ko?



There's
a mantra
I haven't
taught you
yet.





Aohika...
Don't, Not
today...

It's dangerous
... but
I think you
may need it.



There's
no...

...time



Now I
know why
Nachi's
in such
a foul
mood.





That jerk Kai...
I wish he'd quit
sulking already!



He
went
to
Kagu-
ya...

If he's still like
that when
I leave tomorrow,
it's going
to feel lousy.

He asked her
to watch you,
so you wouldn't
do anything
reckless...

Rubbed
his head in
the dirt and
begged.



Kai's not
grown up enough
to see you off
with a smile...

That's
probably
the best he
can do.



Arrrrgh!
I can't
stand
kids!



Spending
the...



Or, what?
Are you
that against
spending
the night
with me?

Hey,
on't worry!
I'll send you
off with
a smile.







FLASH

ぽっ

Takaya
...

ボム

BOOMF

I'll tell
Toko
on you.

I'm
gonna
jump
you!



My nose
wasn't
running!



Back when
I first met
you.

You were
a snot-
nosed brat,
you know.



Then I'll
tell Aohiko
on you...



If I'd known you
were going to turn
out so handsome,
I would've spit on you
to called dibs back
then.



I don't
want anybody
spitting on
me.

Snot, spit...
Yuck.



No matter who
makes a pass at you,
your heart belongs
to Toko.



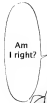
You can't
blame Toko
for falling
for you...



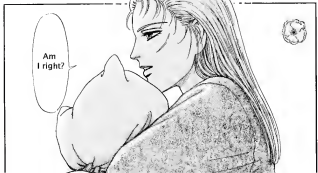
Whether you can
sleep with her or not.
To you, Toko means
more than that.



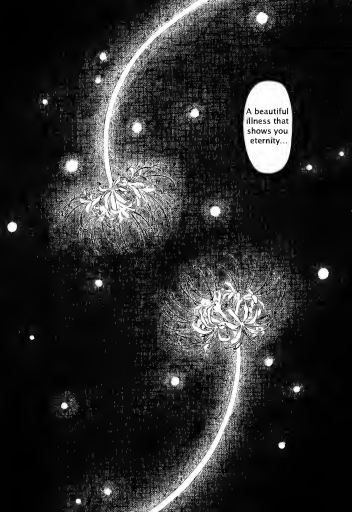
Whether it's
passionate
love or not...



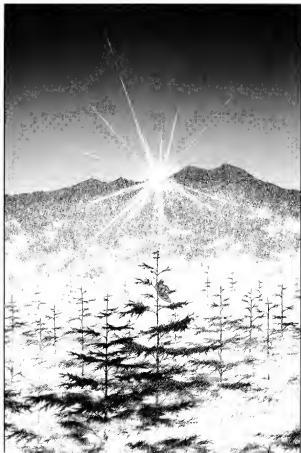
Am
I right?







A beautiful
illness that
shows you
eternity...





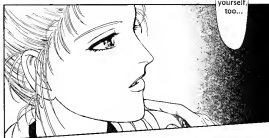
...He was
already gone
when I woke
up.



He's
probably
just
sulking
some-
where.











This isn't
goodbye
forever.
Don't talk
like that.



Taka-
ya...?



I actually
get lonely
pretty
easily.

...





...but they don't look good on you. I know you're wearing them to be nice, because they were a present ...

Uh... Th... those clothes.



Oh...



Someone will give me new clothes.

Well ...



Katsura!

And...



You'll make Toko cry.



Don't wear anything that makes you look too good.



...and you're
the person
I most want
to be happy,
Katsura.

I'm
going.



...all I
can say is
pointless
stuff.

...I want
to tell you,
but...

There's
so much
...

Toko's
the person
I most want
to make
happy...



I like the
pointless
stuff better,
myself...



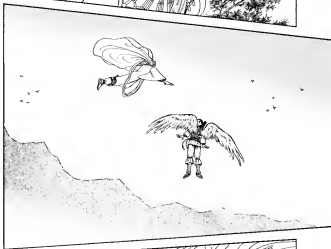
Like this,
for
example!



Take
care!

FLAP

Taka-
ya!



Takaya!

You mean
humans
are heavy.



You're
light!



Takaya!

Takaya!



Takaya...







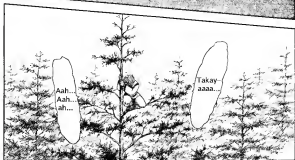
We'll
meet
again,
for
sure!



If you
believe it,
I know it'll
happen!



All right,
Kai?





Bawling
his lungs
out like
that...

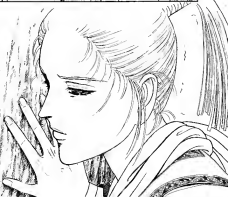
He's
such
a kid...

That's
Kai's...
voice...



Katsu-
ra...

Saying
...





...
pointless
stuff...



Bringing
a gallant
young
man with
her...

Kaguya is
returning.



Kaguya
...?

I thought she
was still in
a distant land...



No matter how
far away she is,
Kaguya's eyes are
my eyes... Her ears
are my ears...



Because
I know
her divine
name...

Is it
not so?

It is no
exaggeration
to say that
Kaguya is already
a part of me.

A Mamana
with
beautiful
wings...

I've
finally
found
him.







Lord
Amariel!

I will not stay
for long.

It's a
small matter
...



Your
Holiness,
you must
stay here.

For the sake
of the people who
come through
the forest of
illusory mists,
seeking your
aid...

Listen very
closely.

The one I'm
about to teach you
focuses that power
on one point.

The yin stone mantra you
learned earlier affected
a wide range through
the sound of your voice.

One
point...



For example,
it can be used
to shatter
a boulder that's
dammed up
a river...

This is
the true yin
stone mantra.

...or to bring
water spouting up
from underground
water veins.

It's extremely
dangerous,
but depending
on how it's used,
it can be incre-
dibly effective.



I don't.

I
under-
stand
...



But...
of
course
...

Do
you
under-
stand?

Used
improperly,
it can bring
about terrible
things.

This demon
headband,
for exam-
ple.

It depends
on the power of
the yin stone
and of the
person chanting,
but...

Ashiko

Can that
power destroy
anything?



I want to turn
this thing into
dust by myself.

That
would be
much too
dangerous.



To find out, I have
to do something
about this demon
headband on
my own.

But I want
to know
what he was
going to say.



I'm
sure...

...that
I'll meet
Yachio
again.

I can feel...
something.





Some-
thing...

...like an
inevitable
destiny.

My
night
vision is
good,
too.

...I can
still fly.





They
all grow
kinder.

The
wavelengths
of demigods
have a beneficial
effect on
humans.



Demigods find
the wavelengths
of such humans
pleasant as well.



...all
there is
to human
nature.

Kind-
ness
isn't...















I am
Amane,
God of
Universal
Good.



Lord Amanel





Y-yes

Those
were your
words,
weren't
they?



An incomparable
voice...



While still modest,
that peaceful lifestyle
is currently spreading
through
the plains below
Fuji.

In my name,
that ideal
will become
reality.

What a...

What a magnificent
figure...



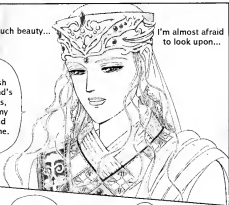
Takaya

...

...such beauty...

I'm almost afraid
to look upon...

If you wish
for mankind's
happiness,
become my
sword and
protect me.



...I know
not how
to defeat.

That one
alone...



Yachio



He rides
a mystical
beast
through
the hea-
vens...

"That
one"
...!?

You are the only one
who can protect me...
and the village of Fuji...
from him.



Yes...



Come to me
through
the forest
of illusory
mists...

Takaya

I'll be
waiting
for you.



... waiting
for you.

We are
all...



Your
Holi-
ness!





Thank
you...

She shared
her power
with me
before she
left.



Kaguya
...



Lord Amene
was here,
wasn't she?



She knew
my name.

GIGGLE

...As do many others.

I wanted to respect your will, so I didn't mention it, but...

Lord Amane told me that, if I met you, I was to lead you to Fuji.



I said I could only wait until this morning because haste was of the essence.



Fortunately, you were already making for Fuji.





I detest
being
pushed
around.



I appreciate
the thought,
but I'm in
a hurry myself.

Please relax
and watch
the stars,
if you like.



But I'll
forgive your
rudeness,
just this
once.

Look...
with your
own eyes...



I'm sure she's
watching them
and smiling...
Both the stars
and you.

My
eyes are
Lord
Amane's
eyes.

No matter what
the result may be...

You go... see...
feel, and decide.

Even if it changes
the flow of the world...

I will
abide by your
judgment.







Takaya's father was a traveler ...

He may have had Mamana blood.

Half-beast...



I've heard
that many
are half-beast,
half-human
...

Unique
forms...
unique
abilities
...

Misen told me that they
were a tribe who crossed
from the great continent
that turned into dust
and vanished.

...and when
he licks
wounds,
they heal
without
festering.

Kai has
a mane
running
down his
back...



Then
...

Kai,
too?



Yin or yang,
Takaya's
power is
an unknown
quantity.

So does
Takaya.



The kid
had eyes, ears
and a nose like
an animal,
too.





She may
have sensed
something
extraordinary
in his blood.

The oracle told me
I must never teach
Takaya yin stone
mantras.



Oracle...



"And
then..."
she said
...



And...
then...



She must
have been
talking
about
Takaya.

It
must
have
been
...

Those were
the oracle's
last words...

I guess he's changed a lot
in the time we've been apart...



Takaya...

That would
make me happier
than anything.



...But let him be
all right.

I mean,
you've
always
been
pretty,
but...

You're
really pretty
these days,
Yoko.





Like you'll disappear...





It's just embarrassing when Aohiko's here.

Although I guess I don't mind being called pretty...



So please don't go off and leave meee...

I'll protect you both! I'll protect you for sure, if I have to slaughter a hundred guys to do it!



Toko...



Aww! You're cute whatever you do!



BUEEEH!



We'll meet again
for sure!



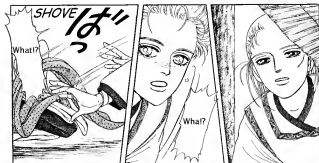
Believe me!
If you believe...



...like Takaya
doesn't believe it.

That makes
it sound...









But you're
supposed
to use swords
to protect, right?
Not to kill.



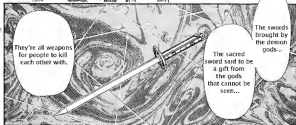
I can't
protect
myself
or anyone
else!



But swords are
nothing so
gallant...

Good
boy.

I'm impressed
you thought
it out that far
on your own.



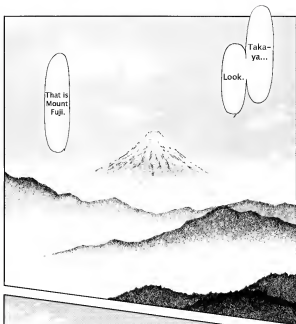
They're all weapons
for people to kill
each other with.

The sacred
sword said to be
a gift from
the gods
that cannot be
seen...

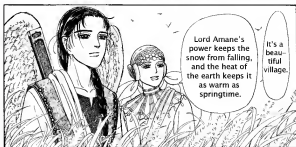
The swords
brought by
the demon
gods...











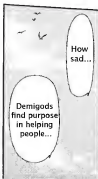
Toko...





Tell me
about it,
if you'd
like.

If you protect
the village of Fuji,
Lord Amane is sure
to aid you in return.



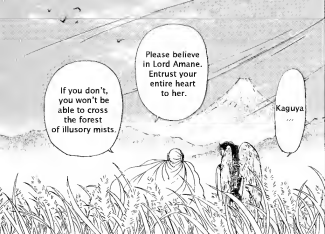
How
sad...

Demigods
find purpose
in helping
people...



No...

It's
something
I need to
take care
of on my
own.



If you don't,
you won't be
able to cross
the forest
of illusory mists.

Please believe
in Lord Amate.
Entrust your
entire heart
to her.

Kaguya



That's
right!

Re-
venge,
hm?



Until
we do,
I won't
tell you.

You'll
see when
we reach
it.

...The
forest
of illu-
sory
mists?

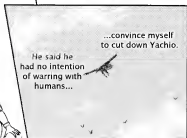


You're quite
a contrary
soul,
aren't you?

Now you've
made me
fall for you,
Kaguya.

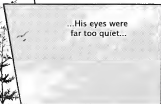


I still can't...



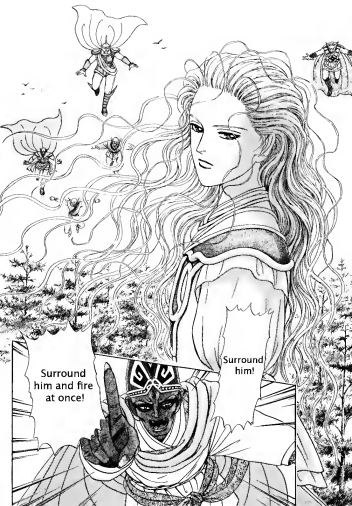
...convince myself
to cut down Yachio.

He said he
had no intention
of warring with
humans...



...His eyes were
far too quiet...



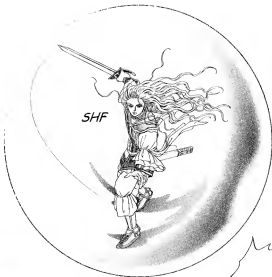


Surround
him and fire
at once!

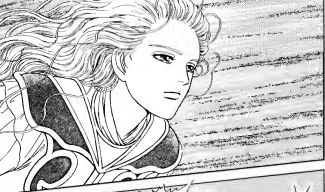
Surround
him!







This
can't be!



Ouuuu-
uuuh!



Scatter and
return to
Lord Kiyu!

Scatter!



I'd heard
the rumors...but...

What a man!



SKASH



We have no way
to defeat that!

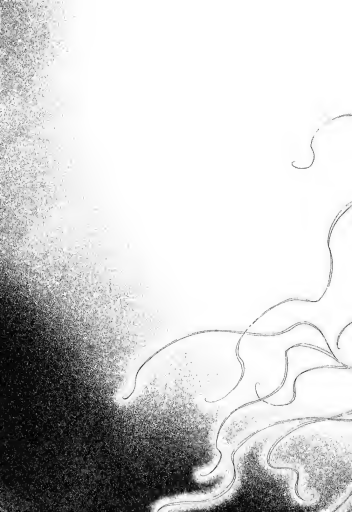
What is Lord Kiyu
thinking...?



Demon god or demigod,
eventually we may
all be erased by that man.









Hurry up,
Katsura!

I got
some oak
staves!



May I
watch you
practice,
Katsura?

Kai's
really
raring
to go...



Sorry
for the...
wait...



Guys work
harder if they
know girls
are watching.

Su-
re.



SMACK

WHAP

Hiya-
aah!

You'll get cut
while you're
busy yelling.

THWACK

WHAP

SMACK

HUFF HUFF

HUFF

Y--you don't have
to thrash with
everything
you've got, not
right at first...

No matter
what,
do not
close your
eyes!

HUFF

HUFF

That
headband
of yours
must be
so proud.

Ten or
twenty
bruises
and you're
already
whining?

This
isn't
all I've
got!

HUFF

HUFF

That's
the spirit!

HUFF





If it
hurts,
dodge!

That hurts,
you jerk!

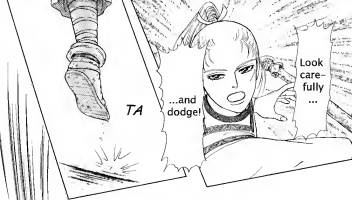


You've got
better eyes
than most
humans!

If you crossed
swords with
someone now,
you'd just
leave yourself
wide open!



Don't watch
the sword!
Watch your
opponent's
movements
and aura!



TA

...and
dodge!

Look
care-
fully
...



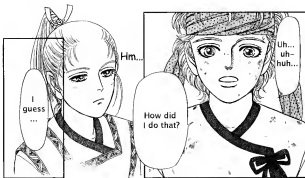
Huh
!?



You practically
flew just now.
What a leap...

I
should be
the one
asking.

Wh...
what was
that?





Could I
have that sort
of latent
power, too?

Do...
Do I...



...threw herself
into the ravine...

My wife...



But I'm
the only one
who can't do
anything.
It hurts...



Tamia
...

...it's better
if you can get by
without it
manifesting.
Think of it
that way.

Maybe you do,
and maybe you
don't. But...



Okay ...



If you smile, it lifts our spirits.

Just smile, Tamia. That's enough.



It's like Takaya just possessed him ...

That's what Takaya would say...



An opening!

WHACK
ニカ



Hey, cute!

I think I get why Takaya compliments girls now.



ササヰヰノミヅ

ササヰヰノミヅ

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ササヰヰノミヅ



If there were
a yin stone nearby,
you would have
opened a fissure
in the ground.

Good!
That's
perfect!



If you look
hard for
yin stones,
you're sure
to find one.

Meaning... even
if I learn it perfectly,
it's no good without
a yin stone.



Storms,
earthquakes,
rain, wind, snow...
They're all signs
of nature trying
to strike
a balance.



The natural
world is
constantly swin-
ging between the
two, trying
to preserve
harmony.



Yin
and
yang
...



Its vacilla-
tion is
what
defines it.

But nature
will never
find harmony.

And "Humans
become human
when they
waver."

"Water
becomes
water
when it
flows."

"Wind"
becomes
wind
when it
blows."



The
teachings
of... the
gods that
cannot
be seen?

Uh...
um...

What
are
these?

Toko
...?



She knows it,
but her days
were too harsh
to let her
understand it.

Toko only
has fragments
of those
memories...

...but even
Yoko knows
the teaching,
"Be as nature."



...
Like this,
y'mean?

...
when they
waver
...

Humans
become
human...



Don't you
dare! I don't
wan'na see no
Aohiko with
my face!

Me
tooooo!

THUMP
THUMP
AHH HIA HIA HIA

...
Sometimes,
I would give
a lot to be
you, Kyoji.



What's the matter...?



It felt as if
the tree was
trembling,
somehow...

Nm
...

Toko?



What's
wrong?



*RUSTLE
RUSTLE*







I am Jao,
God of
Malice.



I see you know
better than
to draw your
sword.
I'd expect no
less of you.



A... a
demon
god?

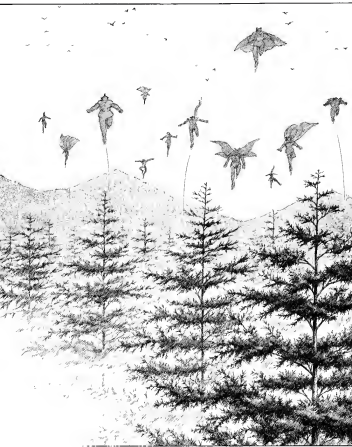


*RUSTLE
RUSTLE*





Demon gods?







I came quickly,
since it was his
summons,
but perhaps
I was too
hasty...

To think
I'd find
Kiyu's
warrior
with
a woman
...



That thing
hardly qualifies
as a woman.



Go!



Na-
chii!



Still...



...to
see her
blood.

I would
like...



I'm
sure...



...
do as
well...

...you
...











He
really
meant
it...

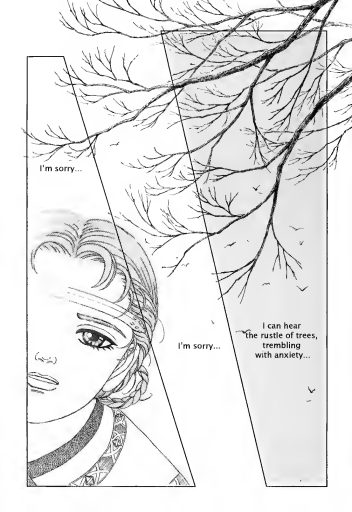


Can
it!

Quit
using this as
an excuse
to feel up
Aohiko!

The air is creaking...

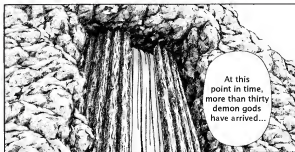




I'm sorry...

I'm sorry...

I can hear
the rustle of trees,
trembling
with anxiety...



At this point in time, more than thirty demon gods have arrived...



I invited only those demon gods whose power is still strong, but...

Within a few days, I believe more than a hundred will appear.

Tomorrow, that number will have doubled.



Eventually, no doubt all demon gods will come running to you for aid. How many there will be then, I cannot say...



Lord Juo,
God of Malice,
requests
an audience
with you.

Lord
KiYu.



Show
him
in.



He was one
of KiYu's
subordinates
once.

Captain, do
you know that
demon god?



He probably
commands quite
a number of demon
gods by now.

He wanted to be
the most powerful
of all demon gods,
though, so he left...



What do demon
gods hope
to gain from
serving demon
gods...?



...what sort
of gods are
they if they
don't enthrall
humans?

If demon
gods desire
the wavelengths
born from the
wickedness
of human
hearts...



Only those
who are enthralled
wish to be
controlled body
and soul.

...
surpasses
life, death,
and even
the gods.

The
pleasure
of evil...





And... you were unable to do anything, so you returned to me...

I know you. You've already been to Fuji, haven't you?



...you may unite all the demon gods who gather here.

If you wish to become chief among the demon gods, as Amaterasu, the God of Universal Good, has among the demigods...



Your
ambition
does not
interest
me.

...the thought
of Amate's
powers
continuing
to grow
concerned me.

I...
I went
to Fuji
because
...

Juo...

How many of your
demon gods
did you lose as
the price for your
casual approach
to Fuji?

...
And?

How?

Seven-
teen...



Those
demi-
gods
...

As soon as
we approached
Fuji's barrier,
many demigods
appeared.



There was
a flash, and
the demigods
transformed
into Amare...
and released
light...

I think it
was Amare
...

A...
Ama-
re...



...And
erased
you?





No doubt
many demigods
have offered
their divine
names
to Amate.

...
Divine
names
...



Divine
names
?

Di...
Divine
names
?

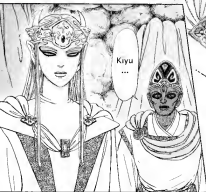
There
must be
something
more...

However, that
alone would
not explain
Amane's
power.

We have no
choice. We must
send someone
we can trust
to Fujii.

...





You are not
mistaken...

...either in
your hesitation or
in the path you
have chosen.

Then,
all will
turn to
dust...

Both
you...
and I...









I wanted
that kind
of hope.

I'd have settled
for the tiniest
shred. A lie,
even.



*Shut up,
idiot!*

What're
you getting
all worked up
over!?

おたのめ
バカ!!



Hey,
hey.

Oooh, it
feels so good
to yell "idiot"
when there's
an idiot around!



What!?





Kyojir
You're an idiot,
but you're
not useless!

This guy...
Aohiko...
He's the one who
understands
him best.

...who
can set
my man
at ease.

I'm
sure he's
the only
one...

Protect
this guy.
Don't let
him die.



Women's
instinct!

L...



Like
these
lips...



The
worst
and the
best!

But
you're
the best!

You're
power-
less...

I
know!



GRAAA-
AAAH!



See
ya!

If we
meet again
tomorrow,
laugh and
call me
an idiot!

I'm off
to get
myself
killed!



If you die,
I'm laughing
and calling
you an idiot
anyway!



Another
one.

...
Gone.



Do you
mean Hakuho,
who went
to explore
Mount
Towada?



...and
its refusal
draws them
to it...

Towada
refuses
both men
and gods...

That's
the
eleventh
god...



It's the
hour of
prayer,
isn't it?

He left
the village
of Fuji.

Even then,
if he were
to stay here
with you, Your
Holiness...

He left,
without ever
smiling once.



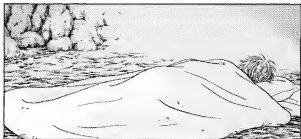


...
because
they
are
happy.

And they
smile
too...

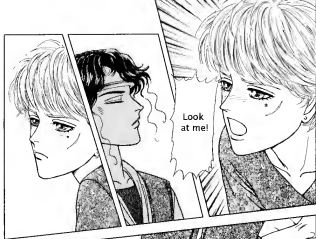
I smile
...

...for
the
people.









Look
at me!



If you
won't
look,
then
kill me.



If you
don't,
I'll kill
you.



GLARE







I
won't
...

I...

I won't
say it,
ever
again...



I could
watch him
all the time
then,



I wish
I could be
the wind.



From the tree shadows...

From the vault of the sky...



And sometimes I'd tease him by ruffling his hair



Toko

Come here...



Until morning comes, you're a small child.

It's Takaya who's holding you.

Close your eyes...



The forest
of illusory
mists
begins
here.







I've never
seen a
mountain
like this
before.

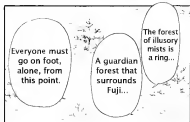


In mist
that thick...
Don't they get
lost right away?



Lord Amene is
waiting
for you there.

I'll
wait for you
there as well.



Everyone must
go on foot,
alone, from
this point.

A guardian
forest that
surrounds
Fuji...

The forest
of illusory
mists is
a ring...



No, all people,
will come to
Lord Amane...

One day,
even
they...

Some-
day...

After all misfortune
has vanished,
Lord Amane's holy
light will illuminate
the entire world.

Lord Amane is
the god of love
and mercy...
the god
of all gods...

Go,
Takaya!

Render
yourself
empty.

If you do,
the mists
will guide you
to Lord
Amane.

Believe in
Lord Amane
and seek
her aid.

Discard
all desire
and hesi-
tation.



I...

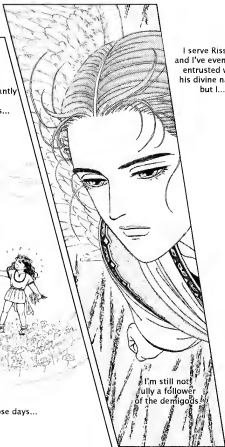


My heart constantly
turns back
to those days...

I serve Risson,
and I've even been
entrusted with
his divine name,
but I...

Those days...

I'm still not
fully a follower
of the demigods



When I
wasn't aware of
the good or the evil
I carried inside...

When there
were no demigods
or demon gods...



I can't see
the future...

...but I have
to look...

I have to try
to see...

But I can't just focus
on the past now.





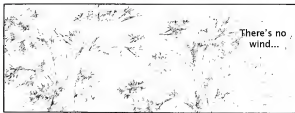


If I lose
my bearings,
even once,
I'll never get
out of here.

I can't
even tell
where the
sun is.



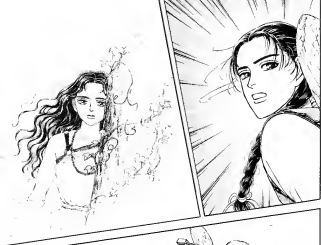
What incredible
mist...



There's no
wind...

No sound...







Toko!



Toko!

She's
here!?



Toko!

Toko!





Toko!

I know it isn't
her, but...!



...chasing it!



I can't help...



Toko-
ooo!

To think he
can keep
running through
the woods
at that pace...



No
wasted
mo-
tion...

Splendid
carriage...

He's more
a beautiful
animal than
a human...

That girl
who so
bewilders
Takaya...

The girl
Takaya is
chasing...
What is she
to him?!



Takaya!
Come!

Seek Lord
Amane's
wavelength
only.

That
wave-
length
will lead
you
astray.



His abilities and
the depth of his
feelings will no doubt
keep Takaya wandering
in the forest for
a long time.

Family,
perhaps
... or his
beloved
...



Kusu-
to?

Kusuto is
waking...

A long
-lived Mamana
who escaped
the calamity
of Asuka...

It was Kusuto that
used strange power
and knowledge to
build the village of
Fuji with me.

You
don't
know
him...



HUFF
HUFF



Just as it is
impossible to
tell Kusto's
age from
form.

Kusto served me,
body and soul but
kept innermost
feelings hidden.

...
Kusuto is
a mystery.





Kimika,
you idiot.

Dummy

dummy

dummy

dummy

He didn't
say anything
about
it to me.

A--an
all-out
attack?
That
can't
be good!

He's still
cold as ice,
you know!

I hadn't
called you
an idiot
yet.

Heu
Da heu

Hey, what
gives!?

They're watching
the weather,
and we're
moving out soon!

Heeee-
eeeee!

They found out
we'll hit the coast if
we cross one valley
and two mountains.

We'll be
heading for Fuji,
traveling along
the coast!



It was
so beautiful
it took
my breath
away.



When
I was
small.

Once
...

What I've never
about seen
you? the ocean,
either.



I'm so
glad!

Oh, I
wanted
to see
the
ocean!



I wanna
see the
ocean
now!

Wh-
what
...?

STAAARE

When
this guy
was
a kid...?

OOOH

SHIT
SHIT

No,
that's
you,
Aohiko.



I'll be closer to Takaya!



Closer...

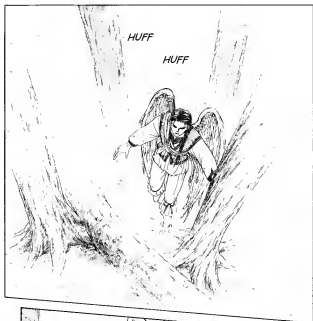
...to Takaya!

You'll
just make
other people
carry it!

I'm takin'
it all! It's my
treasure!

You
have too
many
bags, Kyoji!





How many days...
has it been...?

HUFF

This mist dulls
my thoughts...

There's no day or
night here...

No sounds, and
I can't sense
any animals...
There's nothing...

...and it reflects
my feelings back
as illusions.

Toko!





Move
out!



He's
calling
me!

Over and
over...



HUFF
HUFF



That's
a phantasm...

Don't let
it fool you!









Toko!?

SKASH



Something...

Something else
has merged
with the illusion!?

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